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POSSIBILITY OF "MARGARITA" VISITING "THE ISLAND".

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Having received our ^{consent} agreement to going to work for LEHMAN (LIMAN)[i], MARGARITA[ii] without taking advice and without informing STUKACH[iii], who was in liaison with her, instead of [going][a] to LEHMAN's office, went on the 3rd of May for an interview to Brackott LEWIS, director of the Eastern-European section of the "RADIO STATION [RATAIYA]"[iv]. Before this MARGARITA had secured recommendations from Helena MATOUSKOVA [MATUSKOVA] (an acquaintance of LEWIS's in PRAGUE and a friend of VOSKA's daughter) and VILLA VOSKA[v], Colonel VOSKA's[vi] daughter. LEWIS is a friend of VOSKA's. His family and their recommendations carried great weight with him.

[New paragraph, 25 groups unrecoverable]
[Q: questionnaires] and is waiting for a second interview. Then will follow preparation for examination and checking by the Civil Service. If MARGARITA passes the check, she is to leave for the ISLAND [OSTROV][vii] for [Q: a probationary period [STAZh]]

contradict ^{herself} herself[b]. [45 groups unrecoverable] "she went as far as to declare,

"Rusins are skunks"[b]. [20 groups unrecovered]

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[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

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T.N.: [a] Inserted by the translator.

[b] ~~Owing to the absence of an antecedent, it is not possible to say whether the verb is singular or plural, or to indicate the number or gender of the reflexive pronoun.~~
This last phrase is given in English in the original.

Comments: [i] LEHMANN, Herbert H., Director-General of U.N.R.R.A.

[ii] MARGARITA: now thought to be [REDACTED]
 (later [REDACTED]) and not [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (see 3/NDF/T151). [REDACTED] was born in the U.S.A., but in 1933 went to KARELIA with her family. She later worked for the "MOSCOW Daily News". From about 1942 to 1945 she worked for the U.S. Censorship. Later she worked for U.N.N.R.A. abroad. In 1947 she married [REDACTED]

[iii] STUKACH: Joseph KATZ. Later known as DUGLAS (August 1944) and later still as IKS (from September 1944).

[iv] RITSIYA: the Office of War Information.

[v] VILLA VOSKA: married first RUDITSKY, second BECHYNE.

[vi] VOSKA, Emanuel Victor. Author of "Spy and Counter-Spy". During World War II worked for OSS in the U.S.A. and later for OWI in Turkey. Believed, in 1943, to be residing in PRAGUE with his second wife at his daughter's home.

[vii] OSTROV: Great Britain.

[viii] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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